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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN IPU DELEGATES MAKE PUBLIC POLITICAL  
STATEMENTS

REF: TOKYO 12826 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN DELEGATES TO IPU MEETING ARE  
QUOTED IN PRESS AS CHARGING JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR ROK  
AND HOSTILITY TOWARD NORTH KOREA ARE BASIC OBSTRUCTIONS  
TO NORMALIZATION OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS IN KOREA. ALSO  
CHARGED ROK AND U.S. AIM AT PERMANENT DIVISION OF KOREA.  
FOREIGN OFFICE IS STUDYING WHETHER NORTH KOREANS VIOLATED  
THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS IN MAKING SUCH OBVIOUSLY UN-  
HELPFUL STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY ASAHI SHIMBUN  
OCT 2, NORTH KOREAN DELEGATES TO CURRENT IPU MEETING IN  
TOKYO KIM YONG-NAM AND YUN KI-BOK (BOTH MEMBERS DPRK  
SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY) SAID QTE RESPONSIBILITY  
RESTS WITH GOJ FOR THE NON-ATTAINMENT OF NORMALIZATION  
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA UNQTE.  
THEY ASKED JAPAN TO CHANGE ITS POLICY OF QTE UNCOMPRO-  
MISING UNQTE SUPPORT FOR ROK, WHICH QTE MAKES TWO KOREAS  
A PERMANENT THING UNQTE. NORTH KOREANS SAID THEY WERE  
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WILLING TO MEET U.S. AND SOUTH KOREAN IPU DELEGATES, BUT

THEY ARE PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT ISSUES AT IPU.

2. REGARDING JAPAN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR LACK OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH DPRK, NORTH KOREANS NOTED THAT QTE OUR FRIENDS IN JAPAN ARE DEMANDING AND WORKING FOR NORMALIZATION UNQTE. WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT, WHILE SOME SEE JAPAN-ROK TREATY AS OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION, REAL PROBLEM IS JAPANESE POLICY OF QTE TREATING NORTH KOREA AS AN ENEMY UNQTE. IF JAPAN-NORTH KOREA RELATIONS NORMALIZED, HOWEVER, ARTICLE THREE OF JAPAN-ROK TREATY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE NULLIFIED. THEY TERMED FONMIN KIMURA'S STATEMENT THAT QTE SOUTH KOREA IS NOT THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT UNQTE A STEP FORWARD AND CALLED FOR A QTE BALANCED UNQTE JAPANESE STAND TOWARD TWO KOREAS.

3. ASKED ABOUT JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, NORTH KOREANS SAID THEY WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE BARRIER TO NORMALIZATION. UNIFICATION PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED BY KOREAN PEOPLE IF THERE IS NO EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE. JAPAN SHOULD BLOCK ROK AND U.S. POLICY OF QTE FIXING THE DIVISION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO CREATE TWO KOREAS UNQTE. NORTH KOREANS SAID IF JAPAN CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA, THEY WANT JAPAN TO STOP OBSTRUCTING IT.

4. MINISTER ROK EMBASSY CALLED LATE OCT 2 TO NOTE NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND REPORT THAT EMBASSY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS DELIVERING WRITTEN QTE NOTICE UNQTE OF INCIDENT TO MOFA CONTAINING REQUEST FOR GOJ TO CHECK NORTH KOREA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

5. DURING INQUIRY AT FONOFF REGARDING PRG ACTIVITIES OCT 2 (REFTEL), POLCOUNS ALSO ASKED GOJ ATTITUDE TOWARD NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS. ACTING DIRGEN ASIAN AFFAIRS SAID THEY WERE STUDYING THE MATTER. WHILE IT APPEARED OBVIOUS THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD GONE BEYOND STATED PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT (ATTENDANCE AT IPU MEETING),  
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IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY HAD VIOLATED TECHNICAL TERMS OF THEIR ENTRY PERMITS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED SIGNIFICANCE OF NORTH KOREAN ACTION, ITS POLITICAL CHARACTER, AND RELEVANCE TO ROK-JAPAN EFFORTS TO MOVE RELATIONS BACK TO NORMAL AGAINST BACKGROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF NORTH KOREANS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS IN JAPAN WAS A CENTRAL ISSUE. HE ALSO SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT HISTORY

OF GOJ EFFORTS TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL OR POLITICALLY  
INAPPROPRIATE AND DAMAGING ACTIVITIES OF VISITORS,  
CONCLUDING THAT EXPERIENCE WITH JAPANESE COURTS AND  
LEGAL SYSTEM HAS SHOWN IT TO BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO  
TAKE FIRM ACTION (PROSECUTION OR EJECTION) AGAINST THEM.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE OBVIOUS FONOFF DISTASTE FOR NORTH  
KOREAN ACTIVITIES, WE DOUBT THEY WILL TAKE FURTHER ACTION  
AGAINST NORTH KOREANS.  
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